STATEMENT OF WORK Forage Harvest Management (511) TENNESSEE

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN

Deliverables

- Design documents that demonstrate criteria in practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
 - b. List of facilitating practices (i.e., Pasture and Hay Planting).
 - Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop forage management plans including, but not limited to:
 - i. Description of stage of maturity when forage will be harvested.
 - ii. Moisture content at harvest.
 - iii. Stubble height.
 - iv. When forage is harvested for on farm, develop a forage-animal balance (tool: Graze.xls or GSAT).
 - v. When the client has a wildlife interest or special interest, variation of management will be specified.
 - . Evaluation and completion of TN-CPA-25, Environmental Effects for Conservation and Areawide Plans.
- 2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
- 3. Specification sheet provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to apply the practice.
- 4. Identify fields where practice is to be applied on a farm or ranch plan map.
- 5. Operation and maintenance plan.
- 6. Certification that the forage management plan meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations.
- 7. Design modifications during installation, as required.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

- 1. Pre-application conference with client.
- 2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
- 3. Application advice.
- 4. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
- 5. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations, and NRCS policies during implementation.
- 6. Certification that the application process meets the forage management plan requirements.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

- 1. Records of application.
 - a. Extent of practice units applied.
 - b. Documentation of stubble height for perennial forage.
 - c. Documentation of approximate cutting dates.
- 2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specification.
- 3. Progress reporting.
- 4. Exit conference with client and contractor.
- 5. Photo documentation recommended.

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REFERENCES

- NRCS Tennessee <u>Field Office Technical Guide</u> (e-FOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard Forage Harvest Management (511)
- NRCS <u>National Environmental Compliance Handbook</u>
- NRCS <u>Cultural Resources Handbook</u>